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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.),SP

SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MADRID

1. THE SECRETARY HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL VISIT MADRID, ARRIVING AT MID-DAY ON JANUARY 24 AND DEPARTING AT MID-DAY JANUARY 25. IN ADDITION TO HIS MEETING WITH THE KING, HE EXPECTS TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SIGN THE NEW BASE AGREEMENT BUT THE CONTINUED DIFFERENCES ON KEY NEGOTIATING POINTS MAY RULE THAT OUT, IN WHICH CASE THOSE DIFFERENCES MAY BECOME A SIGNIFICANT PART OF HIS DISCUSSIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY COORDINATION WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES TO SET UP THE VISIT. A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 16. DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS WILL BE PREPARED HERE BUT YOU SHOULD SUBMIT DRAFT TOASTS FOR EXPECTED SOCIAL
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FUNCTIONS.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE VISIT FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THE CAPITALS:

BEGIN TEXT:

AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN, SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER WILL VISIT MADRID DURING HIS TRIP
TO EUROPE IN LATE JANUARY. THE DATES OF THE VISIT WILL
BE JANUARY 24 AND 25. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES
WILL CONSIDER WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN
THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE SECRETARY WILL ALSO
MEET WITH HIS MAJESTY, KING JUAN CARLOS I. END TEXT.

4. YOU SHOULD SEEK SPANISH CONCURRENCE ON TEXT OF
ANNOUNCEMENT AND PREFERENCES ON RELEASE.

5. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON VISIT WILL FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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